

## PTSA Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2011

**Attendees:** Betsy Solon, Lynn Goldberg, Lisa Linder, Linda Falcone, Janet Merrithew, Rachana Suchdev, Audrey Augun, Deb Drouin, Cheryl O'Donnell, Iris McLaughlin, Joan Lorden, Ellie Morse, Regina Kozsan, Jan Schwartz, Dianne Bonta, Beth Baryames, Leslie Eisenberg, Ruth Kabel, Lisa Schmalz, Mary Beth Carroll, Kathleen Maynard, and Pat Goyette.

**Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves along with their HBMS child's gender and grade.

**Review of Minutes:** Betsy Solon made a motion to accept minutes from February 18, 2011. Deb Drouin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** A gift card was given to Emily Raymond for winning the directory cover design. Other expenditures include Generations, which will happen at the end of this month, and the Valentine's Day teacher appreciation event.

**Generations:** Cheryl O'Donnell and Iris McLaughlin will co-chair the luncheon. Erin White is the faculty chair for the event. Erin said that 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents can join for any part of the day. She added that the closing keynote speaker is a big highlight of the day! Deb Drouin will be distributing schedules.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Robbin Dunn is chairing this event. There is still time to volunteer.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Nora Lewis is chairing this event. There are still volunteer opportunities.

**Scrip:** Deb Drouin said that orders are down this month. She has Hannaford cards if anyone wants one.

**Spirit Wear:** Leslie Eisenberg will be selling Spirit Wear at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent open house so that the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to wear their HBMS clothing on step up day. Thank you Leslie!

**Nominating Committee:** The PTSA is seeking volunteers for executive positions. Committee chairs are covered for the 2011-2012 calendar year.

**Principal's Report:** Pat Goyette said that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade open house is April 6<sup>th</sup>. April 12<sup>th</sup> is the bullying presentation at HBHS. On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs will be singing at the Fisher Cats game. Pat Goyette requested \$250.00 for a world percussion demonstration to be attended by the general music students. Cheryl O'Donnell made a motion to approve the \$250.00 expense. Rachana Suchdev seconded it. All were in favor. Pat Goyette went on to state that she is concerned about the COOP budget cuts, but that she is thinking positively.

**HBHS Guidance:** Kathleen Maynard, the director of guidance, was the guest speaker. She encouraged the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to follow their current teachers' placement recommendations. The students are assigned their HBHS guidance counselor by alphabetical distribution. She said that student anxiety can be high because they want A's and these are hard to come by at the high school level.

The next PTSA meeting is April 15, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Davis